

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

The authorizing documents for military awards authorized by the Department of Transportation/U.S. Coast Guard are as follows:

Transportation Distinguished Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 12824, 7 December 1992

Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal - Authorized by 14 USC 492, 4 August 1949

Legion of Merit - Authorized by 10 USC 1121, 20 July 1942

Gold and Silver Lifesaving Medals - Established by Act of Congress, 20 June 1874; later authorized by 14 USC 500-501.

Distinguished Flying Cross - Authorized by 14 USC 492a, 10 August 1956

Coast Guard Medal - Authorized by 14 USC 493, 4 August 1949

Meritorious Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 11448, 16 January 1969

Air Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942 (amended by E.O. 9242A and E. O. 11382)

Coast Guard Commendation Medal - Authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury on 26 August 1947 as the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant. The Commandant re-designated the medal as the Coast Guard Commendation Medal on 2 October 1959.

Coast Guard Achievement Medal - Authorized by the Commandant, 11 June 1968.

Commandant's Letter of Commendation - Authorized by the Commandant (ribbon bar established 17 March 1979).

Department of Transportation Outstanding Unit Award - Authorized by the Secretary of Transportation, 3 November 1994.

Coast Guard Unit Commendation - Authorized by Commandant, 1 January 1963

Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation - Authorized by Commandant, 13 November 1973

Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation - Authorized by Commandant, 22 December 1993.

Coast Guard "E" Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant, 25 September 1990

Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation - Authorized by the Commandant, 2 January 1990.

Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal - Authorized by Commandant, 18 May 1921

Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal - Authorized by Commandant, 1 February 1963.

Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant (COMDTINST 1650.36), 16 February 1999

Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal - Authorized by Commandant on 20 May 1976.

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 12830, 9 January 1993

Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant, 1 July 1987.

Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant, 3 March 1984.

Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant, 3 March 1984.

Coast Guard Basic Training Honor Graduate Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant, 3 March 1984.

Coast Guard Recruiting Service Ribbon - Authorized by Commandant 2 November 1995, amended 1 January 1996.

Armed Forces Reserve Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 10163, 25 September 1950 (amended by E.O. 10439 and E.O. 13013).

The authorizing documents for military awards authorized by the Department of Defense/U.S. Navy are as follows:

Medal of Honor - Authorized by 14 USC 491, 4 August 1949 (amended by Act of 25 July 1963, Public Law 88.77)

Navy Cross - Authorized by 10 USC 6242, 10 August 1956

Bronze Star Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (amended by E.O. 11046 and E.O. 11382).

Purple Heart Medal - Established by General George Washington on 7 August 1782 (amended by E.O. 10409, 12 November 1952, and E.O. 11046, 25 April 1962).

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal - Authorized by ALNAV 11 of 11 January 1944

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal - Authorized by the Secretary of the Navy (established May 1961 and amended on 17 July 1967).

Combat Action Ribbon - Authorized by SECNAVNOTE 1650, 17 February 1969.

Presidential Unit Citation - Authorized by Executive Order 10694, 10 January 1957

Joint Meritorious Unit Award - Authorized by Department of Defense Directive 1348.27, 22 July 1982

Navy Unit Commendation - Authorized by ALNAV 224, 18 December 1944

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation - Authorized by SECNAVNOTE 1650, 17 July 1967, superseded by Navy and Marine Corps Manual.

National Defense Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 10448, 22 April 1953; Executive Order 11265, 11 January 1966; Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Reinstatement of National Defense Service Medal (NDSM)," 20 February 1991; and Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, 26 April 2002.

Antarctica Service Medal - Authorized by Public Law 86-600, 7 July 1960.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 10977, 4 December 1961

Vietnam Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 11231, 8 July 1965

Southwest Asia Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 12754, 12 March 1991

Armed Forces Service Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 19285, 11 January 1996

Kosovo Campaign Medal - Authorized by Executive Order 113154, 3 May 2000